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Welcome to the first issue of **Nuts and Bolts**, a monthly overview of VDOT activities for elected officials in Northern Virginia.

Each month, you will receive the latest information on projects underway, projects scheduled for construction advertisement over the next 12 months, and major transportation studies underway. We will also keep you informed on public meeting schedules, Commonwealth Transportation Board actions on local projects and other VDOT news that may be of interest.

Last fall, we conducted a statewide communications audit to assist us in improving our public outreach efforts. Northern Virginia elected officials who participated in the survey told us they wanted information about specific projects in the region delivered more frequently. **Nuts and Bolts** is one way we are responding to that input.

Our goal is to keep you informed on a regular basis about activities that impact Northern Virginia. Your next issue of **Nuts and Bolts** will be e-mailed in early January and will include a survey so we can be sure you are getting the information you need. In the meantime, if you have any thoughts or comments about our first issue, we'd like to hear them so feel free to e-mail or call me.

I want you to know that each of us here at VDOT is committed to delivering a reliable and credible Six-Year Program, on-time and on-budget.

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What's New

Information in the printable version of Nuts and Bolts is categorized by County

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The Federal Highway Administration and National Park Service are holding a public workshop for the **Manassas National Battlefield Park Bypass Study**, (<http://www.battlefieldbypass.com/>), Thursday, Dec. 12 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Holiday Inn just off I-66 in Manassas. The purpose of the study is to develop and evaluate alternatives that would allow for closure of Routes 29 and 234 in the Park.

Northern Virginia's newest park-and-ride lot on the I-95 corridor opened in late October on **Lorton Road** (<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/nova/fairfax-lortonrd-parkride.asp>), with 170 lighted spaces and a bus shelter. Over the past two years, VDOT has opened 4,000 spaces along I-95.

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Beulah Street

Widen from two to four lanes between the Franconia-Springfield Parkway and Franconia Road (1.3 miles). Construction to begin spring 2003.

Dulles Toll Road Widen ramps from one to two lanes both to and from the Capital Beltway. Ad date: March 2003.

Dulles Toll Road Modify Smart Tag lanes at both Route 28 and the Main Toll Plaza. This will include upgrading toll collection and signage for Smart Tag lanes. The existing Smart Tag lane at Route 28 North will be improved to an open toll lane. Ad date: July 2003.

Pleasant Valley Road Straighten curves north and south of Braddock Road, and north of Martins Hundred Road. Ad date: July 2003.

Rolling Road Build connection with Fullerton Road (.08 mile). Ad date: Jan. 2003.

Route 1 Widen from four to six lanes from south of Lorton Road to north of Telegraph Road (1.2 miles). Ad date: July 2003.

Route 123 Widening

- Phase 1 – Burke Lake Road to Lee Chapel Road (2.4 miles) is under construction
- Phase 2 – Lee Chapel Road to Davis Drive (2.5 miles) is under construction.
- Phase 3 – Widen from two to six lanes from Davis Drive to the Occoquan River Bridge (1.9 miles). Includes landscaping. Ad date: Dec. 2002.

- Phase 4 – replace two-lane bridge over the Occoquan River with a six-lane bridge and widen approaches. Ad date: July 2003.

Springfield Interchange Final phases (Phases 6 and 7) of project. Ad date: June 2003.
(<http://www.springfieldinterchange.com/>)

West Ox Road Widen from two to four lanes from Ox Trail to Lawyers Road (1.1 mile). Ad date: Sept. 2003.

Woodrow Wilson Bridge (Va. Projects)
(<http://www.wilsonbridge.com/>)

- Build new Washington Street overpass to span wider Beltway. Begins early 2003.
- Starting in early 2003, Washington Street approaching and over the Beltway will transition from four lanes to three, with a reversible lane maintaining two lanes in the direction of dominant traffic flow (e.g. northbound in the morning)
- Build new Beltway tie-in to future bridge. Begins mid 2003.
- Build bridges over Cameron Run and Hunting Creek to line up with widened Beltway. Begins mid 2003
- Demolish three Hunting Terrace buildings and two office buildings. Begins late 2003.
- Construct new Route 1 interchange. Begins late 2003.
- Widen Beltway between Route 1 and Telegraph. Begins late 2003.

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Fairfax and Arlington County Projects Under Construction

Barnsfield Road and Route 28 Interchange Partial cloverleaf to provide access to the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum. Interchange will be open in time for the opening of the Museum in Dec. 2003. (<http://virginiadot.org/projects/nova/fairfax-barnesfield.asp>)

Dulles Toll Road at Spring Hill Road Expanding toll plaza at the westbound Spring Hill Road entrance from one lane to three. Smart Tag can be used in all three lanes. Completion, spring 2003. (http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/nova/fairfax-dulles_plaza.asp)

Route 28 Improvements Under the Public-Private Partnership Act, The Clark Construction Group, Inc. and Shirley Contracting Company, LLC will design and construct six high-capacity interchanges on Route 28 in Fairfax and Loudoun counties over the next four years. (<http://www.28freeway.com/>)

Route 123 Widening Phase 1 – widening to four lanes divided from Burke Lake Road to Lee Chapel Road (2.4 miles). Completion, end of 2003. (<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/nova/fairfax-rt123widening.asp>)

Route 123 Widening Phase 2 – widening to four lanes divided from Lee Chapel Road to Davis Drive (2.5 miles). Completion, summer 2004. (<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/nova/fairfax-123ph2.asp>)

Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum Site and support work for construction of the new Museum south of Dulles International Airport. Includes completing service roads, haul roads, taxi pad, utilities, visitor and bus parking lots. Completion, summer 2003. (<http://www.nasm.si.edu/nasm/ext/>)

Springfield Interchange Construction is now focused on the Beltway between Van Dorn Street and Braddock Road. For lane closures, maps, photos and commuter options please visit springfieldinterchange.com. (<http://www.springfieldinterchange.com/>)

Van Dorn Street Safety Improvements New sidewalks, curb and gutter, roadway lighting, business entrances, and a raised, landscaped concrete median. Completion, summer 2003. (<http://virginiadot.org/projects/nova/fairfax-vandorn-safety.asp>)

Woodrow Wilson Bridge (Va. projects) Soil strengthening and stabilization work started Dec. 2001 and will continue until mid-2004. Demolition of one Hunting Tower building and two adjacent garages began this month and will be completed in March. (<http://www.wilsonbridge.com/>)

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Fairfax and Arlington County Projects Recently Completed

Burke Centre Parkway Widened from two to four lanes between Marshall Pond Road and Burke Lake Road. Improvements included dedicated left and right turn lanes, sidewalks and a multi-purpose trail for pedestrians and bicyclists, a new drainage system and signal improvements to help traffic flow. (<http://virginiadot.org/projects/nova/fairfax-burke-ctr-pkwy.asp>)

Columbia Pike Bridge over Four-Mile Run Replaced original bridge; widened sidewalk on south side of bridge; replaced and repaired drainage systems; constructed approach slabs. (<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/nova/arlington-columbiapikebridge.asp>)

Fairfax County Parkway Completion of the northern section of the Fairfax County Parkway gives motorists a continuous four and six-lane highway from Route 7 in Dranesville to Beulah Street in Kingstowne. (<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/nova/fairfax-ctyparkway.asp>)

Lorton Road Traffic back-ups at the Lorton Road underpass have eased since the road was widened from one to two lanes. The 70-year-old CSX bridge over Lorton Road was replaced with a 227-foot long bridge. (<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/nova/fairfax-lorton.asp>)

Lorton Road Park-and-Ride Constructed a new 170-space lot located just east of I-95. (<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/nova/fairfax-lortonrd-parkride.asp>)

Old Dominion Drive Bridge The 50-year-old bridge over Pimmit Run Creek on Old Dominion Drive in McLean has been improved and is open to motorists. (<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/nova/fairfax-olddom.asp>)

Route 28/Route 29 Interchange Construction of a grade-separated interchange in Centreville. Now Route 28 traffic flows uninterrupted under Route 29 and both roads have six through lanes and additional turn lanes. (<http://virginiadot.org/projects/nova/fairfax-rt2829.asp>)

Springfield Interchange Improvement Project Phases 2 and 3, which focused on improvements to I-95, Route 644 and other local roads in Springfield, were completed in late 2001. (<http://www.springfieldinterchange.com/>)

Stringfellow Road Park-and-Ride Constructed a 387-space lot adjacent to the I-66 HOV Lanes. (<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/nova/fairfax-stringfellowp-r.asp>)


Sydenstricker Road Park-and-Ride Constructed 170-space lot at the corner of Sydenstricker Rd and Hooes Road, just off the Fairfax County Parkway. (<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/nova/fairfax-sydenstricker.asp>)

Telegraph Road Widening Widened from two lanes to four lanes with a 16-foot median and two four-foot bicycle lanes from Beulah Street to Route 1 (2.5 miles). (<http://virginiadot.org/projects/nova/fairfax-telegraph.asp>)

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Loudoun Orchard Road (Route 662) Upgrade dirt road to a paved road from intersection of Mt. Gilead Road (Route 797) to 0.38 miles South of Route 729 (1.3 miles). This is a pilot project under VDOT's new Rural Rustic Road Program. Re-advertisement date: Nov. 2002

Old Ox Road (Route 606) Widen from two to four lanes between Route 50 and Route 621 (.81 miles). Ad date: Dec. 2002

Red Bud Lane (Route 1505) Upgrade from a dirt road to a paved road from Route 1504 to one mile south of Route 1504. Construction will begin in spring 2003.

Shelburne Glebe Road (Route 729) Replace temporary bridge with permanent bridge over North Fork Goose Creek located .66 miles north of North Fork Road (Route 728). Ad date: May 2003

Ticonderoga Road (Route 613) Improve and realign intersection at Route 659. Ad date: Oct. 2003

Loudoun County Projects Under Construction

Lime Kiln Road Upgrading from gravel to asphalt and realigning roadway to improve sight distance (2.1 miles). Completion, spring 2003. (<http://virginiadot.org/projects/nova/loudoun-limekiln.asp>)

Route 15 Safety improvements between Balls Bluff Road and White's Ferry Road (1.7 miles)). Completion, summer 2003. (<http://virginiadot.org/projects/nova/loudoun-rt15-ballsbluff-whitesferry.asp>)

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Loudoun County Projects Recently Completed

Dulles North Transit Center A 750-space commuter Park-and-Ride lot has been constructed at the Dulles Greenway and Route 606. (<http://virginiadot.org/projects/nova/loudoun-rt606p-r.asp>)

Route 7 Crews added an additional lane in each direction between Cedar Drive and Dranesville Road. (<http://virginiadot.org/projects/nova/loudoun-rt7.asp>)

Route 15 Safety improvements include widened shoulders, additional turn lanes, and raised medians. A traffic signal was installed at the intersection of White's Ferry Road and Route 15. (<http://virginiadot.org/projects/nova/loudoun-rt15.asp>)

Route 28 Improvements Crews widened Route 28 and added two dedicated left-turn lanes onto Route 606 in Loudoun County. (<http://virginiadot.org/projects/nova/loudoun-rt28.asp>)

Route 50 Bridge at Aldie Repair work for the 180-year old stone arch bridge on Route 50 over Little River near the Aldie Mill, in Loudoun County is complete. (<http://virginiadot.org/projects/nova/loudoun-aldie.asp>)

Route 287 Improvements VDOT crews eliminated the curve on Berlin Road to improve sight distance for motorists approaching the intersection. (<http://virginiadot.org/projects/nova/loudoun-rt287.asp>)

Silcott Springs Rd (Route 690) Crews widened and repaired the bridge over Goose Creek. (<http://virginiadot.org/projects/nova/loudoun-silcott.asp>)

South Church Street A half-mile section of South Church Street between Lovettsville and Berlin Road Turnpike was widened to improve safety. (<http://virginiadot.org/projects/nova/loudoun-sthchurch.asp>)

Taylorstown Road Upgraded from a gravel road to a paved road between Furnace Mountain Road and Wilt Store Road. (<http://virginiadot.org/projects/nova/loudoun-taylorstown.asp>)

Woodburn Road VDOT upgraded Woodburn road from gravel to asphalt, realigning sections to improve sight distance, adding drainage and other safety features. (<http://virginiadot.org/projects/nova/loudoun-woodburn.asp>)

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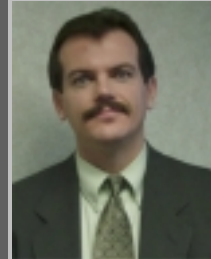


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Dumfries Road (Route 234) Widen from two to four lanes between Snowfall Road and Eclipse Drive (3.2 miles).
Ad date: July 2003.

Ingram Drive Pave gravel road from 75 feet north of Chestnut Creek to Logmill Road (.77 miles). Ad date: July 2003.

Route 123 Occoquan River Bridge Replace existing bridge with new six-lane bridge and widen approaches. Ad date: July 2003.

Route 234 Bypass Construct sound wall adjacent to the Great Oaks Subdivision. Advertised November 2002.
Construction expected to begin in February.

Wellington Road Rail Crossing near Rt. 29 Improve approach and install concrete crossing. Work by railroad to begin April 2003.

Prince William County Projects Under Construction

Route 234 Widening Widen from two lanes to four lanes divided from Purcell Road to Snowfall Drive (2.5 miles).
Completion spring 2003. (<http://virginiadot.org/projects/nova/prwilliam-rt234wide2.asp>)

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Prince William County Projects Recently Completed

Horner Road Park-and-Ride Lot Expansion

The largest commuter lot in Virginia, with 2,267 spaces added by VDOT and the county.

(<http://virginiadot.org/projects/nova/prwilliam-horner-ParkRide.asp>)

Kettle Run Bridge

Constructed new bridge and approaches over Kettle Run. (<http://virginiadot.org/projects/nova/prwilliam-kettlerunbr.asp>)

I-95 at Route 123 Park-and-Ride

Commuters can now access this 580-space lot from I-95 and exit directly onto Route 123.

(<http://virginiadot.org/projects/nova/prwilliam-I95-123.asp>)

I-95 Bridge over Route 619 The 36-year-old north and southbound bridges over Route 619 were replaced with new bridges and shoulders wide enough to accommodate future travel lanes.

(<http://virginiadot.org/projects/nova/prwilliam-I95rt619.asp>)

I-95 Bridges over Quantico Creek

The 40-year-old north and southbound bridges over Quantico Creek were reconstructed with new bridge piers and widened shoulders. The bridges are wide enough to accommodate future travel lanes.

(<http://virginiadot.org/projects/nova/prwilliam-I95quantico.asp>)

I-95/Route 234 Interchange The former diamond interchange is now a partial cloverleaf with loops in the northeast and southwest quadrants. The Route 234 bridge over I-95 has been widened and the acceleration and deceleration lanes on I-95 were lengthened.

(<http://virginiadot.org/projects/nova/prwilliam-I95rt234.asp>)

Route 29/234 Intersection Safety Improvements

Safety Improvements in the Manassas National Battlefield Park included adding left-turn lanes to each leg of the intersection, improving sight distance on Route 234, installing a pedestrian bridge, a crosswalk and traffic signals, and re-timing traffic signals.

(<http://virginiadot.org/projects/nova/prwilliam-rt29-rt234-safety.asp>)

Route 234 Bypass Construction of a 10-mile, four-lane bypass west of Manassas. The bypass runs from I-66 to Brentsville Road where it connects with existing Route 234.

(<http://virginiadot.org/projects/nova/prwilliam-rt234byp.asp>)

Route 234 Widening

Route 234 was widened from a two-lane roadway to a four-lane, divided highway. (<http://virginiadot.org/projects/nova/prwilliam-rt234wide.asp>)

Route 234/Route 1 Park-and Ride Constructed a 360-space lot near Route 1-95.

(<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/nova/prwilliam-I95-123.asp>)

Manassas Bypass Wetlands

VDOT created a 24-acre wetland site with 24 varieties of plant life.

(<http://virginiadot.org/projects/nova/prwilliam-wetlands.asp>)

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Capital Beltway Study The draft environmental impact statement for improvements to the 14-mile section between the Springfield Interchange and the American Legion Bridge was approved by the Federal Highway Administration in March 2002. More than 1,000 citizens attended the public hearings held on May 28, 29 and 30. VDOT is developing a recommendation to be presented to the Commonwealth Transportation in early 2003. (<http://project1.parsons.com/capitalbeltway/>)

I-66 Multimodal Transportation and Environmental Study VDOT and the Department of Rail and Public Transportation are identifying possible highway, rail and bus improvements along the 24-mile corridor from the Capital Beltway to Route 15 at Haymarket. The Environmental Impact Study is expected to be completed by the end of 2003. (<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/studynova-rt66.asp>)

Route 1 Location Study VDOT is developing environmental assessments for improving the 27-mile corridor from the Stafford County line to the Capital Beltway. The study is divided into three sections and public hearings will be held in the spring of 2003 on each of those sections. (<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/studynova-rt1.asp>)

Route 50 Traffic Calming Project VDOT and the Route 50 Traffic Calming Task Force are developing concepts to calm traffic in the Route 50 corridor, enhance the scenic beauty and historic nature of the area and provide for enhanced pedestrian safety and accessibility. (<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/studynova-rt50.asp>)

Western Transportation Corridor The purpose of the study is to evaluate the need for and effects of transportation improvement options in the Western Washington, D.C. metropolitan region. The Study Team is identifying preliminary corridors and evaluating travel demand within these corridors; modeling 2030 travel demand within corridors; and preparing a Transportation Demand Management alternative. The study team will present preliminary corridors and the associated demand volumes for each at public meetings to be held during 2003. (<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/study-wtc-default.asp>)

Non-VDOT Studies:

Dulles Corridor Rapid Transit The Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation is one of the lead agencies completing the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, which is evaluating alternative transit system improvements along the 24-mile Dulles Corridor. (<http://www.dullestransit.com/>)

Capital Beltway Rail Feasibility Study Study completed in April 2001 by the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (<http://www.drpt.state.va.us/projects/previous/bwr.asp>)

Manassas National Battlefield Park Bypass Study The Federal Highway Administration and National Park Service are developing and evaluating alternatives to allow for closing portions of Route 29 and 234 in the Park. (<http://www.battlefieldbypass.com>)

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